

## May 3, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Tunkhannock Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman White at 7 PM. A salute to the flag was recited. In attendance were Supervisors, Randy White Ernest Reich, and Glenn Shupp, Judy Gingham, secy., Ken White, Chief Ely, Bill Radle, Bill Pogson, Dick Daniels, Trisha Thatcher, Joanne Fiorito, John Tiball, Alex Jervis, Chris Ziemba, Veto Barziloski, Jr., Bob Baker Wyoming Co. Press. This meeting was recorded.

April 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

Financial Report was distributed to the Board. Report on file. Balances as of 4/30 in accounts for general use: Gen. Fd. Peoples Checking \$165,881.60, PLGIT Savings \$250,653.17. State Fd. \$ 257,072.63 and Park Fd. \$ 9,563.02

Outstanding Invoices were reviewed. An Order to Pay was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

Requisition Slips – No requests were submitted.

Road Dept. Report – Ken White gave the monthly activities as: George Dobrinski has started the driveway expansion project. Scheduled project are replacing old drainage pipes. The twp saw is too small for some the pavement cutting. Terry Garrison offered the use of his saw to the twp. The 2010 paving project will be starting on Thurs to Fri. Grading of dirt roads in preparation for applying dust control.

Police Dept. – in absence of police personnel, White read the monthly activity report.

Park Dept. - Secy. reported that she received some additional information on the playground grant but still can't order the equipment yet. On the scheduled for May: This past weekend was the Native American Gathering, Kevin Kitchenfsky to hold a tag football benefit at the end of the month. Bluegrass Festival is set for June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.

Secy. needs to talk with the new committee on some items. Advertised meeting date is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

### OLD BUSINESS

3 Road Ordinances: Road Construction Amendment, Posting & Bonding & Highway Utilities by suggestion of the Solicitor to table them until next month. The Board agreed to table the adoptions.

Ordinance #169-01 Establishing a Recreational Board – A new list of members was not submitted to the office as of this meeting.

Dirt & Gravel Road Grant was submitted for Bardwell Road to repair the outlet of a pipe from a previous project and another one for Comstock & Trieble Roads for bo-maging to create a new base.

Request to Penn Dot – A letter was sent to Penn Dot requested the speed reduction study and assistance drafting a “jake brake” ordinance for Rt. 307 by Grimaud's. As of this meeting no response was received.

### NEW BUSINESS

PEMA- 2006 Flood – Park. The project # 1649 DR-PA 1902507689 has been officially close out and a check was received in the amount of \$ 64, 442.30. This is less than requested because part of the project for the bridge was not completed so those items were not reimbursed. This included the administration funding.

Sale of 2000 Crown Vic. - Rob Reimiller offered to purchase the car –as is condition for \$200. Currently the car is inoperable. White made of motion to sell the car to Reimiller, as is condition, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement. Reimiller will pay all transfer costs.

Wyo. Co. Planning Commission – Shadowbrook Resort – The County approved the minor subdivision as an add on piece to the parcel that was the old visitors center.

PA Historical & Museum Commission forwarded a copy of a letter addressed to the PA Dept of Military & Veterans Affairs concerning the need for an archaeological study on the potential property in the twp. No action is required by the Board.

PA HB 2431 – Regionalizing Local Gov't. A bill has been introduced to change the PA constitution to eliminate twps, boroughs and cities. Creating one main entity under the County. The County would oversee operations of roads, land use, zoning, health and safety and law enforcement. PSATS is asking all agencies to contact their legislators urging them to vote no on this bill. Shupp made a motion to send a letter to Rep. Major and Sen. Baker, second by White with Reich in agreement.

Clean Up Day will be held on May 22th from 8 AM to 2:30 PM. CCI will supply the garbage containers @ \$205 and \$57 tipping fee and GJS will supply the metal containers at no cost and will reimburse Twp a portion of scrap fee collected.

Cost will remain the same \$30 per tk. load, smaller loads according to size, appliances \$20.00. No electronics due to the Co's collection day on May 15th.

#### CORRESPONDANCE

Dick Daniels – sent a letter requesting the Board to consider revisiting planning and zoning. With the expected activity from the gas companies, there are many items that need to be addressed. Mr. Daniels expanded on the information in his letter. He suggested the Board look at a website, townofdish.com in Texas to see some of the effects of gas drilling.

Ken White spoke on Eaton Twp's zoning and the amendments being added due to the gas activity. Further discussion was held on gas drilling activity.

One Source Benefits Solutions – Offering quotes on health, vision and dental insurance. The Board agreed to ask for quotes.

Gas Pipe Line Meeting – May 11<sup>th</sup> at Shadowbrook at 6 PM. Someone will try to attend.

Medico Gov't. Day - May 13<sup>th</sup> in Wilkes-Barre.

Seminars: Capital Improvement Planning & Financing - May 26<sup>th</sup> in Clark Summit  
Northern Tier – Excel Workshop May 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> in Towanda

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

White asked the secy. to report on continuing addressing the stopped 537 study. At the state convention Gingher asked how long it can be brought up from the time it was cancelled. It is at the discretion of the Board as to how long to allow it to be an agenda item. If it is not on the official agenda, it does not need to be addressed. If it brought up during open to the floor, the resident may speak the allotted 5 mins. but the board does not have to reply.

Shupp read his statement concerning the Act 537 Plan and submitted a letter dated March 2, 2010 from DEP and requested that they be entered & attached at part of the official minutes. These items will be attached.

Alex Jervis mentioned that the gate blocking Miller Road is still closed. Both Ken White and Judy Gingher have talked to the landowner within the past two months. White suggested contacting the twp solicitor on how to proceed.

Bill Pogson asked when the park committee was schedule to meet. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday is the advertised date/time. A discussion was held on the refrigerators/freezers. The handicap access needs to have the mud clean off it.

Chris Ziemba wanted to speak on the Act 537 Study. He requested his 5 mins. He asked the Board to send a letter to DEP giving them notice of not continuing with the study. White explained that the study was ended but the twp is continuing with updating our 537 plan.

Veto Barziloski concerns about the HB 2431 that was previously addressed.

Bob Baker asked about the Park Board. – The secy. explained the reforming of the Park Committee and a list of people to serve was being compiled.

Trisha Thatcher commented on the damage to the roads specially SR 29N from the water trucks.

John Tiball on the necessity of zoning and possibly seeking assistance from a solicitor with knowledge of the gas industry.

White recessed to executive session at 8 PM. In attendance the Board, Judy Gingher, secy, Ken White and Chief Ely. A topic of discussion is summer hires.

The reconvened at 8:25PM. A motion to hire Aaron Keich at \$7.25 p/hr. and Reese Ayers after school is out also for \$7.25 p/hr. was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

Ken White also requested daylight tree trimming on German Hill Road on the Rt. 307 side. There are many large over hanging trees. Recently a large section of a tree came down blocking the road. This happens quite regularly. A motion to approve the project up to \$4,000 was made by White, second by Shupp with Reich in agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Gingher, secy.